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## Results for January to July 2020

**Table A – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices:  
January to July 2019 versus January to July 2020**

Estimates at current prices	Jan – Jul 2019 1/	Jan – Jul 2020 1/	Difference in value between Jan – Jul 2019 and Jan – Jul 2020	% change between Jan – Jul 2019 and Jan – Jul 2020
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
<b>Residential buildings</b>	<b>34 571 687</b>	<b>17 770 715</b>	<b>-16 800 972</b>	<b>-48,6</b>
-Dwelling-houses	17 687 754	10 641 233	-7 046 521	-39,8
-Flats and townhouses	16 432 281	6 959 107	-9 473 174	-57,6
-Other residential buildings	451 652	170 375	-281 277	-62,3
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	<b>13 417 111</b>	<b>8 134 179</b>	<b>-5 282 932</b>	<b>-39,4</b>
<b>Additions and alterations</b>	<b>17 488 042</b>	<b>9 974 076</b>	<b>-7 513 966</b>	<b>-43,0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>65 476 840</b>	<b>35 878 970</b>	<b>-29 597 870</b>	<b>-45,2</b>

1/ 2019 and 2020 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

### Total value of recorded building plans passed at current prices

The value of recorded building plans passed (at current prices) decreased by 45,2% (-R29 597,9 million) during January to July 2020 compared with January to July 2019.

Decreases were recorded for residential buildings (-48,6% or -R16 801,0 million), additions and alterations (-43,0% or -R7 514,0 million) and non-residential buildings (-39,4% or -R5 282,9 million) – see Table A.

**Table B – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities aggregated to provincial level:  
January to July 2019 versus January to July 2020**

Estimates at current prices	Jan – Jul 2019 1/	Jan – Jul 2020 1/	% contribution to the total value of building plans passed during Jan – Jul 2019	% change between Jan – Jul 2019 and Jan – Jul 2020	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between Jan – Jul 2019 and Jan – Jul 2020 2/	Difference in value between Jan – Jul 2019 and Jan – Jul 2020
	R'000	R'000				R'000
Western Cape	17 154 299	12 434 047	26,2	-27,5	-7,2	-4 720 252
Eastern Cape	3 655 087	1 904 372	5,6	-47,9	-2,7	-1 750 715
Northern Cape	937 373	599 904	1,4	-36,0	-0,5	-337 469
Free State	1 983 625	1 143 366	3,0	-42,4	-1,3	-840 259
KwaZulu-Natal	11 073 617	6 028 986	16,9	-45,6	-7,7	-5 044 631
North West	1 433 292	1 237 841	2,2	-13,6	-0,3	-195 451
Gauteng	25 641 184	10 303 096	39,2	-59,8	-23,4	-15 338 088
Mpumalanga	2 153 111	1 596 849	3,3	-25,8	-0,8	-556 262
Limpopo	1 445 252	630 509	2,2	-56,4	-1,2	-814 743
<b>Total</b>	<b>65 476 840</b>	<b>35 878 970</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>-45,2</b>	<b>-45,2</b>	<b>-29 597 870</b>

1/ 2019 and 2020 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

2/ The contribution (percentage points) is calculated by multiplying the percentage change of each province between January to July 2019 and January to July 2020 by the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of building plans passed during January to July 2019, divided by 100.

The largest contributions to the total decrease of 45,2% (-R29 597,9 million) were made by Gauteng (contributing -23,4 percentage points or -R15 338,1 million), KwaZulu-Natal (contributing -7,7 percentage points or -R5 044,6 million), Western Cape (contributing -7,2 percentage points or -R4 720,3 million) and Eastern Cape (contributing -2,7 percentage points or -R1 750,7 million) – see Table B.

**Table C – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices:  
January to July 2019 versus January to July 2020**

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	Jan – Jul 2019 1/	Jan – Jul 2020 1/	Difference in value between Jan – Jul 2019 and Jan – Jul 2020	% change between Jan – Jul 2019 and Jan – Jul 2020
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	28 606 268	14 310 524	-14 295 744	-50,0
Non-residential buildings	11 092 195	6 553 590	-4 538 605	-40,9
Additions and alterations	14 439 341	8 031 482	-6 407 859	-44,4
<b>Total</b>	<b>54 137 804</b>	<b>28 895 596</b>	<b>-25 242 208</b>	<b>-46,6</b>

1/ 2019 and 2020 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

### Real value of recorded building plans passed

The real value of recorded building plans passed (at constant 2015 prices) decreased by 46,6% (-R25 242,2 million) during January to July 2020 compared with January to July 2019. Decreases were recorded for residential buildings (-50,0% or -R14 295,7 million), additions and alterations (-44,4% or -R6 407,9 million) and non-residential buildings (-40,9% or -R4 538,6 million) – see Table C.

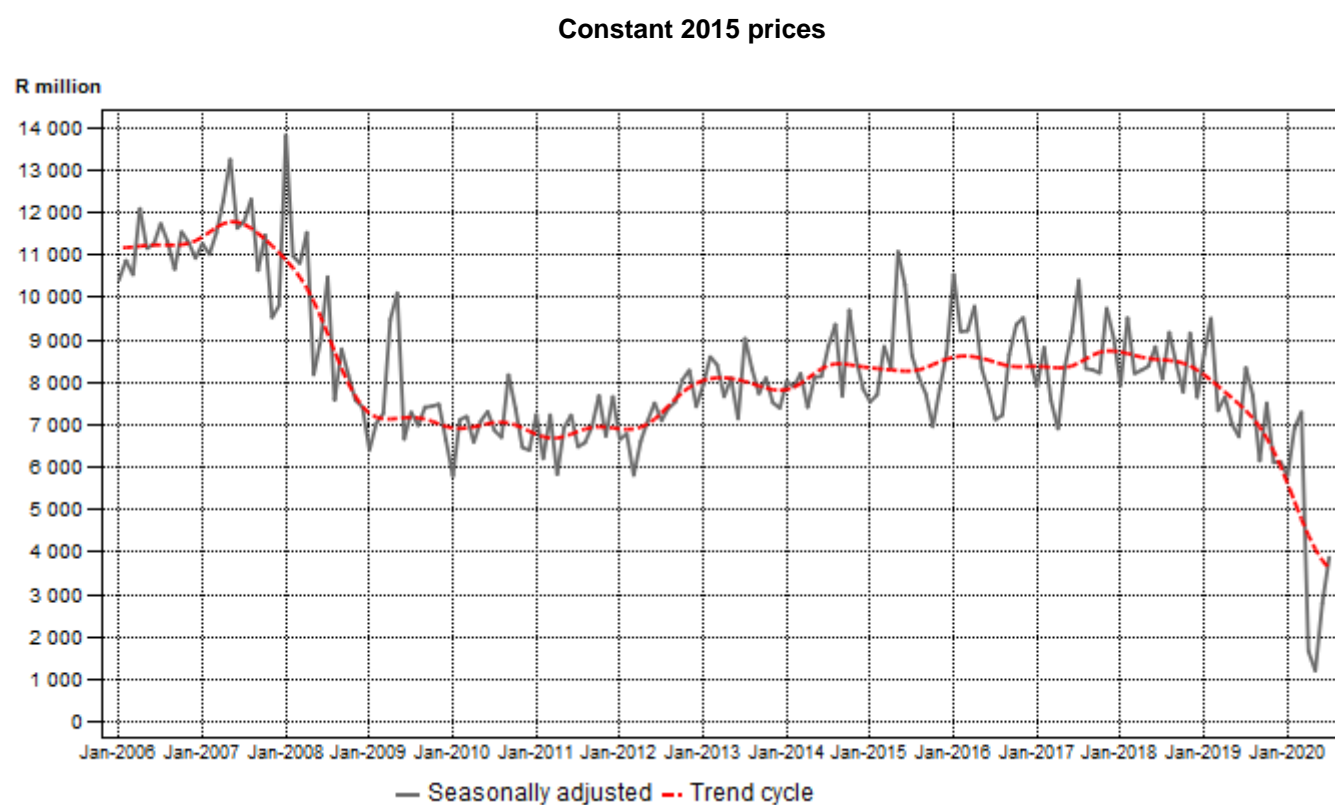
**Table D – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices**

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2015 prices	Feb – Apr 2020	May – Jul 2020	% change between Feb – Apr 2020 and May – Jul 2020
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	7 624 070	4 098 459	-46,2
Non-residential buildings 1/	3 715 713	1 692 879	-54,4
Additions and alterations	4 537 341	2 063 548	-54,5
<b>Total</b>	<b>15 877 124</b>	<b>7 854 886</b>	<b>-50,5</b>

1/ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 10 and 11 on page 38.

### Seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed

The seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed decreased by 50,5% in the three months ended July 2020 compared with the previous three months. Decreases were recorded for additions and alterations (-54,5%), non-residential buildings (-54,4%) and residential buildings (-46,2%) – see Table D.

**Figure 1 – Real value of recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities**

**Table E – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices:  
January to July 2019 versus January to July 2020**

Estimates at current prices	Jan – Jul 2019 1/	Jan – Jul 2020 1/	Difference in value between Jan – Jul 2019 and Jan – Jul 2020	% change between Jan – Jul 2019 and Jan – Jul 2020
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
<b>Residential buildings</b>	<b>33 035 933</b>	<b>11 366 628</b>	<b>-21 669 305</b>	<b>-65,6</b>
-Dwelling-houses	13 197 360	6 743 534	-6 453 826	-48,9
-Flats and townhouses	19 468 319	4 430 019	-15 038 300	-77,2
-Other residential buildings	370 254	193 075	-177 179	-47,9
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	<b>13 617 963</b>	<b>7 471 212</b>	<b>-6 146 751</b>	<b>-45,1</b>
<b>Additions and alterations</b>	<b>7 319 468</b>	<b>4 681 124</b>	<b>-2 638 344</b>	<b>-36,0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>53 973 364</b>	<b>23 518 964</b>	<b>-30 454 400</b>	<b>-56,4</b>

1/ 2019 and 2020 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

### Total value of buildings reported as completed at current prices

The value of buildings reported as completed (at current prices) decreased by 56,4% (-R30 454,4 million) during January to July 2020 compared with January to July 2019.

Decreases were recorded for residential buildings (-65,6% or -R21 669,3 million), non-residential buildings (-45,1% or -R6 146,8 million) and additions and alterations (-36,0% or -R2 638,3 million) – see Table E.

**Table F – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities aggregated to provincial level:  
January to July 2019 versus January to July 2020**

Estimates at current prices	Jan – Jul 2019 1/	Jan – Jul 2020 1/	% contribution to the total value of buildings completed during Jan – Jul 2019	% change between Jan – Jul 2019 and Jan – Jul 2020	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between Jan – Jul 2019 and Jan – Jul 2020	Difference in value between Jan – Jul 2019 and Jan – Jul 2020
	R'000	R'000			2/	R'000
Western Cape	12 138 242	7 022 757	22,5	-42,1	-9,5	-5 115 485
Eastern Cape	1 832 844	1 349 234	3,4	-26,4	-0,9	-483 610
Northern Cape	374 510	240 635	0,7	-35,7	-0,2	-133 875
Free State	377 210	555 213	0,7	47,2	0,3	178 003
KwaZulu-Natal	7 599 587	4 114 842	14,1	-45,9	-6,5	-3 484 745
North West	1 185 497	516 162	2,2	-56,5	-1,2	-669 335
Gauteng	28 492 287	8 631 982	52,8	-69,7	-36,8	-19 860 305
Mpumalanga	1 493 858	730 468	2,8	-51,1	-1,4	-763 390
Limpopo	479 329	357 671	0,9	-25,4	-0,2	-121 658
<b>Total</b>	<b>53 973 364</b>	<b>23 518 964</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>-56,4</b>	<b>-56,4</b>	<b>-30 454 400</b>

1/ 2019 and 2020 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

2/ The contribution (percentage points) is calculated by multiplying the percentage change of each province between January to July 2019 and January to July 2020 by the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of buildings completed during January to July 2019, divided by 100.

Eight provinces reported year-on-year decreases in the value of buildings completed during January to July 2020, of which Gauteng (contributing -36,8 percentage points or -R19 860,3 million), Western Cape (contributing -9,5 percentage points or -R5 115,5 million) and KwaZulu-Natal (contributing -6,5 percentage points or -R3 484,7 million) were the largest negative contributors – see Table F.

**Table G – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices:  
January to July 2019 versus January to July 2020**

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	Jan – Jul 2019 1/	Jan – Jul 2020 1/	Difference in value between Jan – Jul 2019 and Jan – Jul 2020	% change between Jan – Jul 2019 and Jan – Jul 2020
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	27 267 413	9 144 508	-18 122 905	-66,5
Non-residential buildings	11 256 624	6 009 105	-5 247 519	-46,6
Additions and alterations	6 045 247	3 766 757	-2 278 490	-37,7
<b>Total</b>	<b>44 569 284</b>	<b>18 920 370</b>	<b>-25 648 914</b>	<b>-57,5</b>

1/ 2019 and 2020 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

### Real value of buildings reported as completed

The real value of buildings reported as completed (at constant 2015 prices) decreased by 57,5% (-R25 648,9 million) during January to July 2020 compared with January to July 2019. Decreases were reported for residential buildings (-66,5% or -R18 122,9 million), non-residential buildings (-46,6% or -R5 247,5 million) and additions and alterations (-37,7% or -R2 278,5 million) – see Table G.

**Table H – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices**

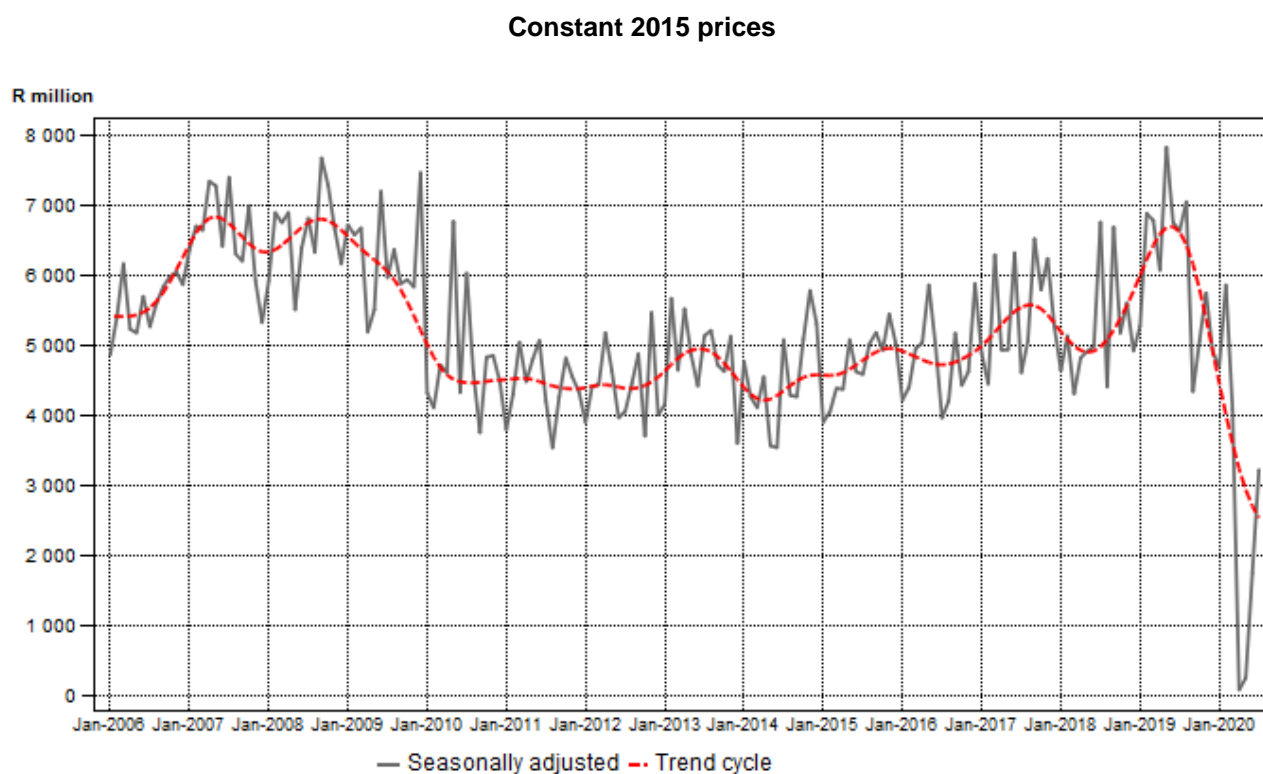
Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2015 prices	Feb – Apr 2020	May – Jul 2020	% change between Feb – Apr 2020 and May – Jul 2020
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	4 412 735	3 368 326	-23,7
Non-residential buildings 1/	3 951 312	868 348	-78,0
Additions and alterations	1 667 094	981 084	-41,2
<b>Total</b>	<b>10 031 141</b>	<b>5 217 758</b>	<b>-48,0</b>

1/ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 10 and 11 on page 38.

### Seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed

The seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed decreased by 48,0% in the three months ended July 2020 compared with the previous three months. Decreases were reported for non-residential buildings (-78,0%), additions and alterations (-41,2%) and residential buildings (-23,7%) – see Table H.



**Figure 2 – Real value of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities**

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**Table 1 – Value and percentage change of recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building**

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2019	January	4 772 821	39,4	1 611 299	-7,9	1 836 501	-10,4	8 220 621	13,8
	February	6 990 891	47,8	2 069 538	-45,8	2 399 945	1,7	11 460 374	5,1
	March	4 148 476	-7,3	2 414 651	32,7	2 314 165	-9,2	8 877 292	0,4
	April	4 276 398	-24,1	2 091 416	6,3	2 473 785	14,4	8 841 599	-9,4
	May	4 422 359	-22,2	1 664 678	-12,7	2 646 651	6,9	8 733 688	-13,2
	June	4 082 091	-24,9	1 648 322	-34,2	2 534 350	-6,2	8 264 763	-22,3
	July	5 878 651	13,2	1 917 207	-0,6	3 282 645	20,2	11 078 503	12,4
	August	5 031 902	-22,4	2 749 039	-4,7	2 453 296	-0,7	10 234 237	-13,6
	September	3 431 994	-36,3	1 679 577	-29,9	2 703 734	9,3	7 815 305	-23,8
	October	5 218 314	-2,7	2 578 004	36,7	2 772 425	-12,6	10 568 743	1,4
	November	3 846 996	-29,7	997 639	-67,7	2 751 222	6,0	7 595 857	-31,9
	December	2 605 709	-41,8	1 980 035	59,6	1 961 680	5,1	6 547 424	-13,7
	<b>Total</b>	<b>54 706 602</b>	<b>-11,4</b>	<b>23 401 405</b>	<b>-13,9</b>	<b>30 130 399</b>	<b>1,8</b>	<b>108 238 406</b>	<b>-8,7</b>
2020	January	2 609 035	-45,3	1 422 087	-11,7	1 687 952	-8,1	5 719 074	-30,4
	February	4 318 914	-38,2	1 840 942	-11,0	2 503 834	4,3	8 663 690	-24,4
	March	4 684 977	12,9	2 043 820	-15,4	2 492 518	7,7	9 221 315	3,9
	April *	807 896	-81,1	729 784	-65,1	442 419	-82,1	1 980 099	-77,6
	May *	809 776	-81,7	180 087	-89,2	436 126	-83,5	1 425 989	-83,7
	June *	1 679 661	-58,9	970 593	-41,1	922 015	-63,6	3 572 269	-56,8
	July *	2 860 456	-51,3	946 866	-50,6	1 489 212	-54,6	5 296 534	-52,2

1/ The percentage change is the change in the value of recorded building plans passed by municipalities of the relevant year/month compared with the value of recorded building plans passed by municipalities of the comparable period of the previous year expressed as a percentage.

2/ Preliminary figures.

\* The COVID-19 pandemic and lockdown regulations since 27 March have had an extensive impact on economic activity.

**Table 2 – Seasonally adjusted value and percentage change of recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building**

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
<b>2019</b>	January	6 251 247	14,3	1 611 299	29,8	2 458 083	2,2	10 320 629	13,2
	February	6 832 142	9,3	2 069 538	28,4	2 478 382	0,8	11 380 062	10,3
	March	4 009 306	-41,3	2 414 651	16,7	2 481 572	0,1	8 905 529	-21,7
	April	4 634 674	15,6	2 091 416	-13,4	2 584 733	4,2	9 310 823	4,6
	May	4 281 675	-7,6	1 664 678	-20,4	2 597 370	0,5	8 543 723	-8,2
	June	3 960 530	-7,5	1 648 322	-1,0	2 537 353	-2,3	8 146 205	-4,7
	July	5 590 353	41,2	1 917 207	16,3	2 683 633	5,8	10 191 193	25,1
	August	4 344 540	-22,3	2 749 039	43,4	2 370 926	-11,7	9 464 505	-7,1
	September	3 392 621	-21,9	1 679 577	-38,9	2 506 758	5,7	7 578 956	-19,9
	October	4 395 074	29,5	2 578 004	53,5	2 333 854	-6,9	9 306 932	22,8
	November	3 966 401	-9,8	997 639	-61,3	2 578 813	10,5	7 542 853	-19,0
	December	3 180 236	-19,8	1 980 035	98,5	2 419 504	-6,2	7 579 775	0,5
<b>2020</b>	January	3 483 906	9,5	1 422 087	-28,2	2 312 406	-4,4	7 218 399	-4,8
	February	4 198 331	20,5	1 840 942	29,5	2 623 062	13,4	8 662 335	20,0
	March	4 471 573	6,5	2 043 820	11,0	2 529 993	-3,5	9 045 386	4,4
	April *	839 976	-81,2	729 784	-64,3	475 409	-81,2	2 045 169	-77,4
	May *	833 332	-0,8	180 087	-75,3	458 958	-3,5	1 472 377	-28,0
	June *	1 629 817	95,6	970 593	439,0	841 277	83,3	3 441 687	133,8
	July *	2 608 388	60,0	946 866	-2,4	1 245 147	48,0	4 800 401	39,5
	<b>Feb – Apr 20</b>	<b>9 509 880</b>		<b>4 614 546</b>		<b>5 628 464</b>		<b>19 752 890</b>	
	<b>May – Jul 20 2/</b>	<b>5 071 537</b>	<b>-46,7</b>	<b>2 097 546</b>	<b>-54,5</b>	<b>2 545 382</b>	<b>-54,8</b>	<b>9 714 465</b>	<b>-50,8</b>

1/ The percentage change is the change in the seasonally adjusted value of recorded building plans passed by municipalities of the relevant month compared with the seasonally adjusted value of recorded building plans passed by municipalities of the previous month expressed as a percentage.

2/ The percentage change is the change in the seasonally adjusted value of recorded building plans passed by municipalities for the latest three months compared with the seasonally adjusted value of recorded building plans passed by municipalities of the previous three months expressed as a percentage.

3/ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 10 and 11 on page 38.

\* The COVID-19 pandemic and lockdown regulations since 27 March have had an extensive impact on economic activity.

**Table 3 – Value and percentage change of recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices by type of building**

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2019	January	4 027 697	35,3	1 359 746	-10,6	1 549 790	-13,0	6 937 233	10,5
	February	5 850 118	42,1	1 731 831	-47,9	2 008 322	-2,2	9 590 271	1,0
	March	3 428 493	-11,8	1 995 579	26,2	1 912 533	-13,6	7 336 605	-4,5
	April	3 513 885	-27,9	1 718 501	0,9	2 032 691	8,5	7 265 077	-14,0
	May	3 627 858	-26,1	1 365 610	-17,1	2 171 166	1,4	7 164 634	-17,6
	June	3 351 470	-28,3	1 353 302	-37,2	2 080 747	-10,5	6 785 519	-25,9
	July	4 806 747	8,8	1 567 626	-4,5	2 684 092	15,4	9 058 465	8,0
	August	4 100 980	-25,9	2 240 456	-9,1	1 999 426	-5,3	8 340 862	-17,5
	September	2 776 694	-39,1	1 358 881	-33,0	2 187 487	4,5	6 323 062	-27,2
	October	4 218 524	-6,3	2 084 078	31,7	2 241 249	-15,7	8 543 851	-2,3
	November	3 112 456	-32,1	807 151	-68,8	2 225 908	2,5	6 145 515	-34,2
	December	2 104 773	-44,0	1 599 382	53,5	1 584 556	1,1	5 288 711	-17,0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>44 919 695</b>	<b>-14,9</b>	<b>19 182 143</b>	<b>-17,6</b>	<b>24 677 967</b>	<b>-2,5</b>	<b>88 779 805</b>	<b>-12,4</b>
2020	January	2 100 672	-47,8	1 144 998	-15,8	1 359 060	-12,3	4 604 730	-33,6
	February	3 460 668	-40,8	1 475 114	-14,8	2 006 277	-0,1	6 942 059	-27,6
	March	3 778 207	10,2	1 648 242	-17,4	2 010 095	5,1	7 436 544	1,4
	April *	655 760	-81,3	592 357	-65,5	359 106	-82,3	1 607 223	-77,9
	May *	658 354	-81,9	146 412	-89,3	354 574	-83,7	1 159 340	-83,8
	June *	1 361 152	-59,4	786 542	-41,9	747 176	-64,1	2 894 870	-57,3
	July *	2 295 711	-52,2	759 925	-51,5	1 195 194	-55,5	4 250 830	-53,1

1/ The percentage change is the change in the value of recorded building plans passed by municipalities of the relevant year/month compared with the value of recorded building plans passed by municipalities of the comparable period of the previous year expressed as a percentage.

2/ Preliminary figures.

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**Table 4 – Seasonally adjusted value and percentage change of recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices by type of building**

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
<b>2019</b>	January	5 243 941	14,6	1 359 746	30,5	2 063 865	2,0	8 667 552	13,4
	February	5 710 113	8,9	1 731 831	27,4	2 067 434	0,2	9 509 378	9,7
	March	3 303 668	-42,1	1 995 579	15,2	2 035 520	-1,5	7 334 767	-22,9
	April	3 806 975	15,2	1 718 501	-13,9	2 130 905	4,7	7 656 381	4,4
	May	3 516 671	-7,6	1 365 610	-20,5	2 141 331	0,5	7 023 612	-8,3
	June	3 247 479	-7,7	1 353 302	-0,9	2 118 285	-1,1	6 719 066	-4,3
	July	4 592 918	41,4	1 567 626	15,8	2 186 303	3,2	8 346 847	24,2
	August	3 536 478	-23,0	2 240 456	42,9	1 919 734	-12,2	7 696 668	-7,8
	September	2 755 764	-22,1	1 358 881	-39,3	2 036 882	6,1	6 151 527	-20,1
	October	3 560 396	29,2	2 084 078	53,4	1 865 005	-8,4	7 509 479	22,1
	November	3 212 710	-9,8	807 151	-61,3	2 090 395	12,1	6 110 256	-18,6
	December	2 571 993	-19,9	1 599 382	98,2	1 953 907	-6,5	6 125 282	0,2
<b>2020</b>	January	2 786 710	8,3	1 144 998	-28,4	1 860 720	-4,8	5 792 428	-5,4
	February	3 354 380	20,4	1 475 114	28,8	2 090 876	12,4	6 920 370	19,5
	March	3 587 506	6,9	1 648 242	11,7	2 060 619	-1,4	7 296 367	5,4
	April *	682 184	-81,0	592 357	-64,1	385 846	-81,3	1 660 387	-77,2
	May *	678 428	-0,6	146 412	-75,3	373 323	-3,2	1 198 163	-27,8
	June *	1 318 316	94,3	786 542	437,2	685 418	83,6	2 790 276	132,9
	July *	2 101 715	59,4	759 925	-3,4	1 004 807	46,6	3 866 447	38,6
	<b>Feb – Apr 20</b>	<b>7 624 070</b>		<b>3 715 713</b>		<b>4 537 341</b>		<b>15 877 124</b>	
	<b>May – Jul 20 2/</b>	<b>4 098 459</b>	<b>-46,2</b>	<b>1 692 879</b>	<b>-54,4</b>	<b>2 063 548</b>	<b>-54,5</b>	<b>7 854 886</b>	<b>-50,5</b>

1/ The percentage change is the change in the seasonally adjusted value of recorded building plans passed by municipalities of the relevant month compared with the seasonally adjusted value of recorded building plans passed by municipalities of the previous month expressed as a percentage.

2/ The percentage change is the change in the seasonally adjusted value of recorded building plans passed by municipalities for the latest three months compared with the seasonally adjusted value of recorded building plans passed by municipalities of the previous three months expressed as a percentage.

3/ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 10 and 11 on page 38.

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**Table 5 – Value and percentage change of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices by type of building**

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2019	January	3 215 693	19,7	1 129 725	40,0	704 984	-11,1	5 050 402	17,8
	February	3 662 196	22,2	3 157 234	107,5	991 268	-5,9	7 810 698	40,2
	March	5 459 272	93,3	1 420 463	36,0	1 490 196	39,5	8 369 931	69,5
	April	4 328 058	28,3	1 623 694	34,6	1 026 808	15,3	6 978 560	27,6
	May	5 249 660	64,5	3 123 392	112,0	1 035 312	14,6	9 408 364	69,0
	June	6 325 555	87,0	1 259 061	-14,8	868 430	-14,9	8 453 046	43,8
	July	4 795 499	-2,5	1 904 394	28,3	1 202 470	-11,7	7 902 363	1,8
	August	5 048 824	76,4	2 136 907	101,6	1 240 827	5,0	8 426 558	65,1
	September	3 405 658	-28,9	1 262 510	-53,5	1 108 538	16,0	5 776 706	-31,7
	October	3 267 018	-11,6	1 860 458	18,8	1 351 483	18,3	6 478 959	1,1
	November	4 771 617	-20,0	2 350 550	117,9	1 224 790	9,2	8 346 957	2,2
	December	2 964 337	-21,6	1 984 860	65,2	1 026 971	24,5	5 976 168	2,9
	<b>Total</b>	<b>52 493 387</b>	<b>18,1</b>	<b>23 213 248</b>	<b>39,6</b>	<b>13 272 077</b>	<b>7,8</b>	<b>88 978 712</b>	<b>21,2</b>
2020	January	2 154 645	-33,0	1 477 291	30,8	1 186 716	68,3	4 818 652	-4,6
	February	2 780 397	-24,1	2 973 015	-5,8	1 268 718	28,0	7 022 130	-10,1
	March	2 286 168	-58,1	1 899 216	33,7	980 767	-34,2	5 166 151	-38,3
	April *	36 187	-99,2	46 153	-97,2	14 131	-98,6	96 471	-98,6
	May *	112 461	-97,9	104 955	-96,6	84 515	-91,8	301 931	-96,8
	June *	1 234 801	-80,5	520 306	-58,7	458 793	-47,2	2 213 900	-73,8
	July *	2 761 969	-42,4	450 276	-76,4	687 484	-42,8	3 899 729	-50,7

1/ The percentage change is the change in the value of buildings reported as completed to municipalities of the relevant year/month compared with the value of buildings reported as completed to municipalities of the comparable period of the previous year expressed as a percentage.

2/ Preliminary figures.

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**Table 6 – Seasonally adjusted value and percentage change of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices by type of building**

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
<b>2019</b>	January	4 221 604	12,8	1 129 725	-5,9	918 652	-2,1	6 269 981	6,6
	February	4 084 384	-3,3	3 157 234	179,5	985 147	7,2	8 226 765	31,2
	March	5 617 847	37,5	1 420 463	-55,0	1 145 425	16,3	8 183 735	-0,5
	April	4 464 312	-20,5	1 623 694	14,3	1 292 573	12,8	7 380 579	-9,8
	May	5 328 289	19,4	3 123 392	92,4	1 076 046	-16,8	9 527 727	29,1
	June	6 118 617	14,8	1 259 061	-59,7	837 426	-22,2	8 215 104	-13,8
	July	4 999 528	-18,3	1 904 394	51,3	1 204 070	43,8	8 107 992	-1,3
	August	5 356 861	7,1	2 136 907	12,2	1 153 377	-4,2	8 647 145	6,6
	September	3 029 783	-43,4	1 262 510	-40,9	1 069 195	-7,3	5 361 488	-38,0
	October	3 164 731	4,5	1 860 458	47,4	1 235 304	15,5	6 260 493	16,8
	November	3 628 544	14,7	2 350 550	26,3	1 118 336	-9,5	7 097 430	13,4
	December	2 934 159	-19,1	1 984 860	-15,6	1 167 658	4,4	6 086 677	-14,2
<b>2020</b>	January	2 838 893	-3,2	1 477 291	-25,6	1 539 746	31,9	5 855 930	-3,8
	February	3 087 090	8,7	2 973 015	101,2	1 259 405	-18,2	7 319 510	25,0
	March	2 362 165	-23,5	1 899 216	-36,1	799 346	-36,5	5 060 727	-30,9
	April *	37 363	-98,4	46 153	-97,6	17 039	-97,9	100 555	-98,0
	May *	114 109	205,4	104 955	127,4	88 452	419,1	307 516	205,8
	June *	1 189 102	942,1	520 306	395,7	444 758	402,8	2 154 166	600,5
	July *	2 876 846	141,9	450 276	-13,5	683 237	53,6	4 010 359	86,2
	<b>Feb – Apr 20</b>	<b>5 486 618</b>		<b>4 918 384</b>		<b>2 075 790</b>		<b>12 480 792</b>	
	<b>May – Jul 20 2/</b>	<b>4 180 057</b>	<b>-23,8</b>	<b>1 075 537</b>	<b>-78,1</b>	<b>1 216 447</b>	<b>-41,4</b>	<b>6 472 041</b>	<b>-48,1</b>

1/ The percentage change is the change in the seasonally adjusted value of buildings reported as completed to municipalities of the relevant month compared with the seasonally adjusted value of buildings reported as completed to municipalities of the previous month expressed as a percentage.

2/ The percentage change is the change in the seasonally adjusted value of buildings reported as completed to municipalities for the latest three months compared with the seasonally adjusted value of buildings reported as completed to municipalities of the previous three months expressed as a percentage.

3/ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 10 and 11 on page 38.

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**Table 7 – Value and percentage change of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices by type of building**

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2019	January	2 713 665	16,2	953 354	35,9	594 923	-13,7	4 261 942	14,4
	February	3 064 599	17,5	2 642 037	99,5	829 513	-9,5	6 536 149	34,8
	March	4 511 795	83,9	1 173 936	29,3	1 231 567	32,7	6 917 298	61,3
	April	3 556 334	21,7	1 334 177	27,8	843 721	9,4	5 734 232	21,1
	May	4 306 530	56,1	2 562 258	101,2	849 313	8,7	7 718 101	60,4
	June	5 193 395	78,4	1 033 712	-18,7	712 997	-18,8	6 940 104	37,1
	July	3 921 095	-6,3	1 557 150	23,3	983 213	-15,2	6 461 458	-2,2
	August	4 114 771	68,4	1 741 570	92,4	1 011 269	0,2	6 867 610	57,6
	September	2 755 387	-32,0	1 021 448	-55,5	896 875	10,9	4 673 710	-34,7
	October	2 641 082	-14,8	1 504 008	14,5	1 092 549	14,0	5 237 639	-2,5
	November	3 860 532	-22,6	1 901 739	110,6	990 930	5,6	6 753 201	-1,2
	December	2 394 456	-24,5	1 603 279	59,0	829 540	19,7	4 827 275	-1,0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>43 033 641</b>	<b>13,4</b>	<b>19 028 668</b>	<b>33,9</b>	<b>10 866 410</b>	<b>3,2</b>	<b>72 928 719</b>	<b>16,4</b>
2020	January	1 734 819	-36,1	1 189 445	24,8	955 488	60,6	3 879 752	-9,0
	February	2 227 882	-27,3	2 382 224	-9,8	1 016 601	22,6	5 626 707	-13,9
	March	1 843 684	-59,1	1 531 626	30,5	790 941	-35,8	4 166 251	-39,8
	April *	29 373	-99,2	37 462	-97,2	11 470	-98,6	78 305	-98,6
	May *	91 432	-97,9	85 329	-96,7	68 711	-91,9	245 472	-96,8
	June *	1 000 649	-80,7	421 642	-59,2	371 793	-47,9	1 794 084	-74,1
	July *	2 216 669	-43,5	361 377	-76,8	551 753	-43,9	3 129 799	-51,6

1/ The percentage change is the change in the value of buildings reported as completed to municipalities of the relevant year/month compared with the value of buildings reported as completed to municipalities of the comparable period of the previous year expressed as a percentage.

2/ Preliminary figures.

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**Table 8 – Seasonally adjusted value and percentage change of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices by type of building**

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
<b>2019</b>	January	3 547 412	13,5	953 354	-5,5	772 953	-1,6	5 273 719	7,2
	February	3 415 242	-3,7	2 642 037	177,1	824 124	6,6	6 881 403	30,5
	March	4 657 784	36,4	1 173 936	-55,6	948 116	15,0	6 779 836	-1,5
	April	3 671 391	-21,2	1 334 177	13,6	1 062 366	12,1	6 067 934	-10,5
	May	4 378 317	19,3	2 562 258	92,0	884 249	-16,8	7 824 824	29,0
	June	5 030 253	14,9	1 033 712	-59,7	687 849	-22,2	6 751 814	-13,7
	July	4 092 968	-18,6	1 557 150	50,6	985 328	43,2	6 635 446	-1,7
	August	4 364 566	6,6	1 741 570	11,8	939 543	-4,6	7 045 679	6,2
	September	2 450 034	-43,9	1 021 448	-41,3	865 539	-7,9	4 337 021	-38,4
	October	2 561 618	4,6	1 504 008	47,2	999 052	15,4	5 064 678	16,8
	November	2 939 391	14,7	1 901 739	26,4	905 132	-9,4	5 746 262	13,5
	December	2 357 055	-19,8	1 603 279	-15,7	940 832	3,9	4 901 166	-14,7
<b>2020</b>	January	2 275 598	-3,5	1 189 445	-25,8	1 236 164	31,4	4 701 207	-4,1
	February	2 470 986	8,6	2 382 224	100,3	1 007 878	-18,5	5 861 088	24,7
	March	1 911 407	-22,6	1 531 626	-35,7	645 375	-36,0	4 088 408	-30,2
	April *	30 342	-98,4	37 462	-97,6	13 841	-97,9	81 645	-98,0
	May *	92 895	206,2	85 329	127,8	72 038	420,5	250 262	206,5
	June *	964 566	938,3	421 642	394,1	360 385	400,3	1 746 593	597,9
	July *	2 310 865	139,6	361 377	-14,3	548 661	52,2	3 220 903	84,4
	<b>Feb – Apr 20</b>	<b>4 412 735</b>		<b>3 951 312</b>		<b>1 667 094</b>		<b>10 031 141</b>	
	<b>May – Jul 20 2/</b>	<b>3 368 326</b>	<b>-23,7</b>	<b>868 348</b>	<b>-78,0</b>	<b>981 084</b>	<b>-41,2</b>	<b>5 217 758</b>	<b>-48,0</b>

1/ The percentage change is the change in the seasonally adjusted value of buildings reported as completed to municipalities of the relevant month compared with the seasonally adjusted value of buildings reported as completed to municipalities of the previous month expressed as a percentage.

2/ The percentage change is the change in the seasonally adjusted value of buildings reported as completed to municipalities for the latest three months compared with the seasonally adjusted value of buildings reported as completed to municipalities of the previous three months expressed as a percentage.

3/ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 10 and 11 on page 38.

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**Table 9 – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: South Africa**

			Jul 2019	Jun 2020 *	Jul 2020 *	Jan – Jul 2019	Jan – Jul 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	3 348	236	1 399	8 469	6 933	-18,1
		square metres	196 118	13 041	65 824	452 206	319 842	-29,3
		R'000	803 850	84 277	259 385	2 269 933	1 347 871	-40,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	1 302	593	894	7 640	4 656	-39,1
		square metres	356 258	156 695	236 089	2 092 474	1 243 437	-40,6
		R'000	2 692 134	1 089 744	1 788 804	15 417 821	9 293 362	-39,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 815	596	986	16 047	7 952	-50,4
		square metres	271 704	53 687	97 420	1 950 821	814 253	-58,3
		R'000	2 362 933	485 985	794 820	16 432 281	6 959 107	-57,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	2 244	2 484	2 622	61 088	23 089	-62,2
		R'000	19 734	19 655	17 447	451 652	170 375	-62,3
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>5 878 651</b>	<b>1 679 661</b>	<b>2 860 456</b>	<b>34 571 687</b>	<b>17 770 715</b>	<b>-48,6</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	63 613	32 977	45 457	290 127	170 111	-41,4
		R'000	654 470	262 870	386 094	2 643 080	1 388 320	-47,5
	Shopping space	square metres	19 932	24 230	22 757	285 561	291 134	2,0
		R'000	155 658	190 061	161 253	2 143 713	2 327 750	8,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	133 333	46 869	40 905	942 465	465 297	-50,6
		R'000	809 108	338 772	293 793	5 906 721	3 039 850	-48,5
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	44 646	22 718	14 682	379 712	180 364	-52,5
		R'000	297 971	178 890	105 726	2 723 597	1 378 259	-49,4
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 917 207</b>	<b>970 593</b>	<b>946 866</b>	<b>13 417 111</b>	<b>8 134 179</b>	<b>-39,4</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	288 779	98 927	155 885	1 643 547	933 276	-43,2
		R'000	2 213 804	686 980	1 194 936	12 354 267	7 034 543	-43,1
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	86 112	13 044	22 684	445 266	265 019	-40,5
		R'000	1 068 841	235 035	294 276	5 133 775	2 939 533	-42,7
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>3 282 645</b>	<b>922 015</b>	<b>1 489 212</b>	<b>17 488 042</b>	<b>9 974 076</b>	<b>-43,0</b>
<b>Recorded plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>11 078 503</b>	<b>3 572 269</b>	<b>5 296 534</b>	<b>65 476 840</b>	<b>35 878 970</b>	<b>-45,2</b>

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.

3/ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.

4/ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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**Table 10 – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Western Cape**

			Jul 2019	Jun 2020 *	Jul 2020 *	Jan – Jul 2019	Jan – Jul 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	84	56	186	2 021	975	-51,8
		square metres	4 060	3 053	7 930	88 267	47 208	-46,5
		R'000	30 007	20 515	45 380	507 423	287 110	-43,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	385	248	286	2 475	1 614	-34,8
		square metres	90 486	65 783	79 313	614 145	411 536	-33,0
		R'000	605 570	442 139	554 576	4 046 324	2 775 213	-31,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	404	205	692	4 058	3 056	-24,7
		square metres	47 956	25 667	60 051	443 441	296 646	-33,1
		R'000	375 504	192 276	475 537	3 475 004	2 324 431	-33,1
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	442	1 747	2 218	27 856	12 398	-55,5
		R'000	3 211	14 664	14 417	197 646	91 947	-53,5
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 014 292</b>	<b>669 594</b>	<b>1 089 910</b>	<b>8 226 397</b>	<b>5 478 701</b>	<b>-33,4</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	8 263	6 365	38 630	44 329	84 052	89,6
		R'000	64 569	62 823	314 912	338 368	708 020	109,2
	Shopping space	square metres	605	17 519	17 936	77 232	88 479	14,6
		R'000	4 394	153 318	129 319	621 465	713 731	14,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	23 684	21 662	12 299	206 337	117 095	-43,3
		R'000	163 148	170 919	96 505	1 429 142	845 620	-40,8
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	9 649	4 025	6 803	191 246	99 167	-48,1
		R'000	60 196	39 977	51 881	1 360 657	757 653	-44,3
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>292 307</b>	<b>427 037</b>	<b>592 617</b>	<b>3 749 632</b>	<b>3 025 024</b>	<b>-19,3</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	83 008	46 307	60 312	471 514	350 288	-25,7
		R'000	549 913	308 335	414 682	3 100 710	2 334 193	-24,7
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	33 019	9 941	12 798	183 997	140 777	-23,5
		R'000	447 127	146 482	168 711	2 077 560	1 596 129	-23,2
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>997 040</b>	<b>454 817</b>	<b>583 393</b>	<b>5 178 270</b>	<b>3 930 322</b>	<b>-24,1</b>
<b>Recorded plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>2 303 639</b>	<b>1 551 448</b>	<b>2 265 920</b>	<b>17 154 299</b>	<b>12 434 047</b>	<b>-27,5</b>

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.

3/ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.

4/ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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**Table 11 – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Eastern Cape**

			Jul 2019	Jun 2020 *	Jul 2020 *	Jan – Jul 2019	Jan – Jul 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	52	3	36	183	80	-56,3
		square metres	3 448	187	2 314	11 361	5 163	-54,6
		R'000	23 075	1 260	14 925	71 065	33 844	-52,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	104	47	95	587	354	-39,7
		square metres	22 456	11 313	21 428	139 743	80 264	-42,6
		R'000	156 006	78 775	158 955	926 195	561 421	-39,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	86	7	69	310	115	-62,9
		square metres	8 049	839	6 622	40 037	11 168	-72,1
		R'000	55 454	5 805	45 735	263 144	76 310	-71,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	273	190	-30,4
		R'000	0	0	0	1 958	1 424	-27,3
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>234 535</b>	<b>85 840</b>	<b>219 615</b>	<b>1 262 362</b>	<b>672 999</b>	<b>-46,7</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	2 210	1 100	7 838	8 516	8,7
		R'000	0	11 468	7 953	50 910	53 364	4,8
	Shopping space	square metres	3 850	0	1 657	24 277	33 434	37,7
		R'000	26 723	0	8 986	141 213	231 403	63,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	22 742	7 651	7 723	139 502	45 489	-67,4
		R'000	156 213	52 938	50 921	910 038	286 886	-68,5
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	378	660	263	5 548	3 017	-45,6
		R'000	2 615	4 567	1 426	33 212	18 660	-43,8
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>185 551</b>	<b>68 973</b>	<b>69 286</b>	<b>1 135 373</b>	<b>590 313</b>	<b>-48,0</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	21 546	6 130	16 323	140 086	76 273	-45,6
		R'000	145 923	42 574	119 140	905 277	520 902	-42,5
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	4 595	434	1 449	50 510	15 129	-70,0
		R'000	42 026	3 975	11 900	352 075	120 158	-65,9
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>187 949</b>	<b>46 549</b>	<b>131 040</b>	<b>1 257 352</b>	<b>641 060</b>	<b>-49,0</b>
<b>Recorded plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>608 035</b>	<b>201 362</b>	<b>419 941</b>	<b>3 655 087</b>	<b>1 904 372</b>	<b>-47,9</b>

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2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.

3/ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.

4/ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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**Table 12 – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Northern Cape**

			Jul 2019	Jun 2020 *	Jul 2020 *	Jan – Jul 2019	Jan – Jul 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	101	1	0	111	7	-93,7
		square metres	4 252	48	0	4 828	368	-92,4
		R'000	10 086	421	0	14 583	3 140	-78,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	20	7	27	106	93	-12,3
		square metres	5 712	1 629	7 040	25 569	22 773	-10,9
		R'000	45 638	13 747	59 137	184 727	185 144	0,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	7	0	0	7	94	1 242,9
		square metres	548	0	0	548	9 046	1 550,7
		R'000	4 803	0	0	4 803	79 109	1 547,1
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	5 005	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	41 041	..
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>60 527</b>	<b>14 168</b>	<b>59 137</b>	<b>204 113</b>	<b>308 434</b>	<b>51,1</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	3 705	0	0	4 633	1 437	-69,0
		R'000	30 381	0	0	37 342	10 506	-71,9
	Shopping space	square metres	1 196	0	244	1 576	1 609	2,1
		R'000	6 206	0	1 862	9 261	9 709	4,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 341	2 890	2 000	6 968	8 152	17,0
		R'000	10 996	24 764	17 200	46 786	69 297	48,1
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	691	7 676	0	51 061	7 676	-85,0
		R'000	4 090	67 145	0	408 306	67 145	-83,6
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>51 673</b>	<b>91 909</b>	<b>19 062</b>	<b>501 695</b>	<b>156 657</b>	<b>-68,8</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 256	2 092	4 097	22 431	15 264	-32,0
		R'000	26 863	17 752	34 266	167 961	126 543	-24,7
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	547	13	0	7 762	783	-89,9
		R'000	5 085	214	750	63 604	8 270	-87,0
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>31 948</b>	<b>17 966</b>	<b>35 016</b>	<b>231 565</b>	<b>134 813</b>	<b>-41,8</b>
<b>Recorded plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>144 148</b>	<b>124 043</b>	<b>113 215</b>	<b>937 373</b>	<b>599 904</b>	<b>-36,0</b>

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.

3/ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.

4/ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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**Table 13 – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Free State**

			Jul 2019	Jun 2020 *	Jul 2020 *	Jan – Jul 2019	Jan – Jul 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	27	9	14	152	74	-51,3
		square metres	1 568	635	847	9 002	4 326	-51,9
		R'000	12 228	5 126	6 921	66 784	33 574	-49,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	68	29	35	423	218	-48,5
		square metres	15 465	4 281	7 355	90 652	44 232	-51,2
		R'000	111 813	29 536	55 544	608 505	324 695	-46,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	62	47	0	255	166	-34,9
		square metres	9 174	3 610	0	28 189	18 352	-34,9
		R'000	72 841	23 663	0	214 666	142 519	-33,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	148	122	0	7 024	241	-96,6
		R'000	868	985	0	36 180	1 946	-94,6
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>197 750</b>	<b>59 310</b>	<b>62 465</b>	<b>926 135</b>	<b>502 734</b>	<b>-45,7</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	4 135	0	0	8 125	5 655	-30,4
		R'000	33 378	0	0	57 731	45 647	-20,9
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	149	14 413	1 036	-92,8
		R'000	0	0	1 258	82 914	7 636	-90,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 697	1 523	0	7 702	16 518	114,5
		R'000	10 045	10 758	0	49 470	93 893	89,8
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 240	2 467	0	25 333	2 467	-90,3
		R'000	10 009	19 029	0	187 728	19 029	-89,9
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>53 432</b>	<b>29 787</b>	<b>1 258</b>	<b>377 843</b>	<b>166 205</b>	<b>-56,0</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	15 696	4 668	6 524	65 785	51 867	-21,2
		R'000	114 605	34 401	52 200	438 781	384 273	-12,4
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	2 316	399	590	15 173	7 790	-48,7
		R'000	42 402	6 274	12 080	240 866	90 154	-62,6
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>157 007</b>	<b>40 675</b>	<b>64 280</b>	<b>679 647</b>	<b>474 427</b>	<b>-30,2</b>
<b>Recorded plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>408 189</b>	<b>129 772</b>	<b>128 003</b>	<b>1 983 625</b>	<b>1 143 366</b>	<b>-42,4</b>

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.

3/ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.

4/ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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**Table 14 – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: KwaZulu-Natal**

			Jul 2019	Jun 2020 *	Jul 2020 *	Jan – Jul 2019	Jan – Jul 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	21	12	33	120	113	-5,8
		square metres	1 181	671	1 982	6 589	6 720	2,0
		R'000	10 739	5 262	15 901	53 940	57 819	7,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	108	31	74	712	397	-44,2
		square metres	35 720	8 552	24 343	222 362	127 516	-42,7
		R'000	323 748	69 124	229 906	2 126 053	1 230 096	-42,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	218	305	70	2 201	1 306	-40,7
		square metres	41 194	21 009	11 900	261 369	144 776	-44,6
		R'000	445 524	247 599	110 013	2 615 984	1 580 534	-39,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	1 054	131	404	10 233	535	-94,8
		R'000	12 542	1 048	3 030	117 273	4 078	-96,5
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>792 553</b>	<b>323 033</b>	<b>358 850</b>	<b>4 913 250</b>	<b>2 872 527</b>	<b>-41,5</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	192	0	0	36 960	5 332	-85,6
		R'000	2 112	0	0	368 774	51 483	-86,0
	Shopping space	square metres	1 010	0	0	26 224	105 170	301,0
		R'000	11 110	0	0	239 783	872 250	263,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	31 200	2 376	11 279	322 890	71 590	-77,8
		R'000	166 107	14 256	80 952	1 965 025	496 077	-74,8
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	525	0	3 599	14 374	18 346	27,6
		R'000	4 385	0	28 854	119 567	178 500	49,3
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>183 714</b>	<b>14 256</b>	<b>109 806</b>	<b>2 693 149</b>	<b>1 598 310</b>	<b>-40,7</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	32 299	5 234	14 337	226 053	93 500	-58,6
		R'000	322 576	47 674	143 400	2 262 983	996 260	-56,0
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	21 844	1 629	3 908	87 127	40 465	-53,6
		R'000	295 813	17 509	37 768	1 204 235	561 889	-53,3
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>618 389</b>	<b>65 183</b>	<b>181 168</b>	<b>3 467 218</b>	<b>1 558 149</b>	<b>-55,1</b>
<b>Recorded plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 594 656</b>	<b>402 472</b>	<b>649 824</b>	<b>11 073 617</b>	<b>6 028 986</b>	<b>-45,6</b>

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.

3/ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.

4/ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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**Table 15 – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: North West**

			Jul 2019	Jun 2020 *	Jul 2020 *	Jan – Jul 2019	Jan – Jul 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	4	3	524	45	1 572	3 393,3
		square metres	258	174	21 248	2 427	63 903	2 533,0
		R'000	1 339	705	55 023	12 671	164 475	1 198,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	62	50	84	352	284	-19,3
		square metres	17 387	11 969	19 767	91 480	65 253	-28,7
		R'000	107 147	76 616	132 306	538 595	408 168	-24,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	8	0	65	398	158	-60,3
		square metres	906	0	5 698	27 974	16 610	-40,6
		R'000	4 701	0	39 662	168 970	109 790	-35,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	3 156	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	20 381	..
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>113 187</b>	<b>77 321</b>	<b>226 991</b>	<b>720 236</b>	<b>702 814</b>	<b>-2,4</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 189	0	0	3 699	2 407	-34,9
		R'000	8 227	0	0	21 246	13 898	-34,6
	Shopping space	square metres	1 252	2 353	785	16 466	22 736	38,1
		R'000	6 667	13 641	4 256	103 513	149 142	44,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	5 337	0	388	11 277	2 806,4
		R'000	0	26 685	0	1 927	62 807	3 159,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	9 945	0	105	19 980	2 685	-86,6
		R'000	60 695	0	759	120 209	15 694	-86,9
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>75 589</b>	<b>40 326</b>	<b>5 015</b>	<b>246 895</b>	<b>241 541</b>	<b>-2,2</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	12 359	6 444	9 992	62 349	39 784	-36,2
		R'000	74 144	39 707	64 019	355 005	244 585	-31,1
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	2 093	285	1 177	10 877	2 378	-78,1
		R'000	13 268	3 629	35 740	111 156	48 901	-56,0
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>87 412</b>	<b>43 336</b>	<b>99 759</b>	<b>466 161</b>	<b>293 486</b>	<b>-37,0</b>
<b>Recorded plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>276 188</b>	<b>160 983</b>	<b>331 765</b>	<b>1 433 292</b>	<b>1 237 841</b>	<b>-13,6</b>

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.

3/ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.

4/ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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**Table 16 – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Gauteng**

			Jul 2019	Jun 2020 *	Jul 2020 *	Jan – Jul 2019	Jan – Jul 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	3 027	125	545	5 601	3 931	-29,8
		square metres	179 629	6 828	27 725	316 093	181 806	-42,5
		R'000	706 767	43 349	102 123	1 471 815	709 079	-51,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	399	117	192	2 221	1 225	-44,8
		square metres	124 995	31 056	47 689	689 908	349 171	-49,4
		R'000	1 067 532	236 002	408 659	5 685 907	2 896 482	-49,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	999	32	90	8 081	2 724	-66,3
		square metres	162 086	2 562	13 149	1 108 897	300 086	-72,9
		R'000	1 394 703	16 642	123 873	9 470 903	2 545 643	-73,1
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	484	0	4 717	1 564	-66,8
		R'000	0	2 958	0	26 239	9 558	-63,6
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>3 169 002</b>	<b>298 951</b>	<b>634 655</b>	<b>16 654 864</b>	<b>6 160 762</b>	<b>-63,0</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	44 736	1 976	5 727	144 511	20 847	-85,6
		R'000	508 415	12 737	63 229	1 520 677	227 370	-85,0
	Shopping space	square metres	9 845	0	0	75 796	20 898	-72,4
		R'000	85 298	0	0	653 144	216 834	-66,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	46 778	1 680	361	224 175	152 209	-32,1
		R'000	271 542	10 266	1 841	1 315 105	906 670	-31,1
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	17 168	7 503	3 250	50 628	43 386	-14,3
		R'000	123 250	45 851	17 615	377 327	298 640	-20,9
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>988 505</b>	<b>68 854</b>	<b>82 685</b>	<b>3 866 253</b>	<b>1 649 514</b>	<b>-57,3</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	101 207	20 338	34 698	540 397	249 954	-53,7
		R'000	863 662	148 197	305 847	4 471 038	2 094 447	-53,2
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	16 899	336	1 415	74 674	51 281	-31,3
		R'000	169 275	3 228	14 404	649 029	398 373	-38,6
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 032 937</b>	<b>151 425</b>	<b>320 251</b>	<b>5 120 067</b>	<b>2 492 820</b>	<b>-51,3</b>
<b>Recorded plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>5 190 444</b>	<b>519 230</b>	<b>1 037 591</b>	<b>25 641 184</b>	<b>10 303 096</b>	<b>-59,8</b>

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.

3/ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.

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**Table 17 – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Mpumalanga**

			Jul 2019	Jun 2020 *	Jul 2020 *	Jan – Jul 2019	Jan – Jul 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	32	27	42	187	137	-26,7
		square metres	1 722	1 445	2 697	10 551	7 809	-26,0
		R'000	9 609	7 639	12 599	54 694	43 861	-19,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	102	44	59	473	309	-34,7
		square metres	25 521	14 933	15 510	118 433	90 144	-23,9
		R'000	169 924	102 290	108 486	754 402	605 409	-19,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	77	13	-83,1
		square metres	0	0	0	3 813	2 017	-47,1
		R'000	0	0	0	19 271	11 047	-42,7
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	600	0	0	3 712	0	-100,0
		R'000	3 113	0	0	18 910	0	-100,0
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>182 646</b>	<b>109 929</b>	<b>121 085</b>	<b>847 277</b>	<b>660 317</b>	<b>-22,1</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 393	22 426	0	31 086	41 242	32,7
		R'000	7 388	175 842	0	198 548	274 440	38,2
	Shopping space	square metres	1 513	4 358	1 986	13 247	17 039	28,6
		R'000	11 449	23 102	15 572	73 876	122 533	65,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	5 091	3 750	6 233	19 892	29 409	47,8
		R'000	26 444	28 186	40 289	108 835	200 163	83,9
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 584	0	662	15 969	1 576	-90,1
		R'000	12 420	0	5 191	84 662	11 063	-86,9
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>57 701</b>	<b>227 130</b>	<b>61 052</b>	<b>465 921</b>	<b>608 199</b>	<b>30,5</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	12 899	7 065	6 640	76 486	40 987	-46,4
		R'000	78 445	45 016	43 577	438 091	243 398	-44,4
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	4 181	7	1 064	11 441	3 442	-69,9
		R'000	47 150	51 224	9 718	401 822	84 935	-78,9
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>125 595</b>	<b>96 240</b>	<b>53 295</b>	<b>839 913</b>	<b>328 333</b>	<b>-60,9</b>
<b>Recorded plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>365 942</b>	<b>433 299</b>	<b>235 432</b>	<b>2 153 111</b>	<b>1 596 849</b>	<b>-25,8</b>

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.

3/ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.

4/ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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**Table 18 – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Limpopo**

			Jul 2019	Jun 2020 *	Jul 2020 *	Jan – Jul 2019	Jan – Jul 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	0	19	49	44	-10,2
		square metres	0	0	1 081	3 088	2 539	-17,8
		R'000	0	0	6 513	16 958	14 969	-11,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	54	20	42	291	162	-44,3
		square metres	18 516	7 179	13 644	100 182	52 548	-47,5
		R'000	104 756	41 515	81 235	547 113	306 734	-43,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	31	0	0	660	320	-51,5
		square metres	1 791	0	0	36 553	15 552	-57,5
		R'000	9 403	0	0	199 536	89 724	-55,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	7 273	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	53 446	0	-100,0
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>114 159</b>	<b>41 515</b>	<b>87 748</b>	<b>817 053</b>	<b>411 427</b>	<b>-49,6</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	8 946	623	-93,0
		R'000	0	0	0	49 484	3 592	-92,7
	Shopping space	square metres	661	0	0	36 330	733	-98,0
		R'000	3 811	0	0	218 544	4 512	-97,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	800	0	1 010	14 611	13 558	-7,2
		R'000	4 613	0	6 085	80 393	78 437	-2,4
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	3 466	387	0	5 573	2 044	-63,3
		R'000	20 311	2 321	0	31 929	11 875	-62,8
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>28 735</b>	<b>2 321</b>	<b>6 085</b>	<b>380 350</b>	<b>98 416</b>	<b>-74,1</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	6 509	649	2 962	38 446	15 359	-60,1
		R'000	37 673	3 324	17 805	214 421	89 942	-58,1
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	618	0	283	3 705	2 974	-19,7
		R'000	6 695	2 500	3 205	33 428	30 724	-8,1
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>44 368</b>	<b>5 824</b>	<b>21 010</b>	<b>247 849</b>	<b>120 666</b>	<b>-51,3</b>
<b>Recorded plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>187 262</b>	<b>49 660</b>	<b>114 843</b>	<b>1 445 252</b>	<b>630 509</b>	<b>-56,4</b>

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.

3/ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.

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**Table 19 – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: South Africa**

			Jul 2019	Jun 2020 *	Jul 2020 *	Jan – Jul 2019	Jan – Jul 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1 042	435	713	5 732	3 617	-36,9
		square metres	54 096	22 368	35 251	292 975	182 483	-37,7
		R'000	323 937	130 061	206 560	1 680 081	1 069 143	-36,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	906	362	641	5 897	2 921	-50,5
		square metres	229 971	88 617	151 053	1 525 831	741 507	-51,4
		R'000	1 783 377	674 796	1 142 694	11 517 279	5 674 391	-50,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	2 080	250	1 529	17 000	4 068	-76,1
		square metres	319 969	37 172	164 859	2 363 327	517 602	-78,1
		R'000	2 685 905	332 631	1 367 131	19 468 319	4 430 019	-77,2
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	353	8 872	4 408	45 938	18 282	-60,2
		R'000	2 280	97 313	45 584	370 254	193 075	-47,9
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>4 795 499</b>	<b>1 234 801</b>	<b>2 761 969</b>	<b>33 035 933</b>	<b>11 366 628</b>	<b>-65,6</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	85 604	1 340	9 483	372 378	270 345	-27,4
		R'000	919 779	10 981	87 200	3 787 772	2 589 718	-31,6
	Shopping space	square metres	13 755	31 223	3 435	367 865	107 821	-70,7
		R'000	133 334	249 949	27 087	3 440 331	938 174	-72,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	124 987	31 059	51 267	712 332	546 634	-23,3
		R'000	750 591	193 881	319 066	4 381 313	3 427 406	-21,8
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	15 344	10 997	2 381	281 848	72 738	-74,2
		R'000	100 690	65 495	16 923	2 008 547	515 914	-74,3
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 904 394</b>	<b>520 306</b>	<b>450 276</b>	<b>13 617 963</b>	<b>7 471 212</b>	<b>-45,1</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	112 732	31 042	55 647	592 980	362 697	-38,8
		R'000	801 602	229 739	430 501	4 377 728	2 678 488	-38,8
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	44 565	27 416	20 944	286 478	186 610	-34,9
		R'000	400 868	229 054	256 983	2 941 740	2 002 636	-31,9
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 202 470</b>	<b>458 793</b>	<b>687 484</b>	<b>7 319 468</b>	<b>4 681 124</b>	<b>-36,0</b>
<b>Recorded buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>7 902 363</b>	<b>2 213 900</b>	<b>3 899 729</b>	<b>53 973 364</b>	<b>23 518 964</b>	<b>-56,4</b>

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**Table 20 – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Western Cape**

			Jul 2019	Jun 2020 *	Jul 2020 *	Jan – Jul 2019	Jan – Jul 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
<b>Residential buildings</b>	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	393	45	233	1 548	915	-40,9
		square metres	18 528	2 525	10 416	71 705	42 025	-41,4
		R'000	110 338	17 250	60 663	429 619	239 823	-44,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	311	151	269	1 760	1 060	-39,8
		square metres	75 373	35 481	52 462	422 487	250 454	-40,7
		R'000	512 541	249 988	366 411	2 905 456	1 721 991	-40,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	591	194	915	3 479	1 799	-48,3
		square metres	61 874	25 163	70 453	412 840	183 693	-55,5
		R'000	482 380	205 819	579 168	3 273 126	1 486 507	-54,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	226	0	1 065	15 638	1 565	-90,0
		R'000	1 621	0	8 811	124 248	12 444	-90,0
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 106 880</b>	<b>473 057</b>	<b>1 015 053</b>	<b>6 732 449</b>	<b>3 460 765</b>	<b>-48,6</b>
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	Office and banking space	square metres	0	875	3 098	22 490	19 309	-14,1
		R'000	0	7 726	22 734	166 254	145 476	-12,5
	Shopping space	square metres	2 510	9 592	2 421	27 979	30 630	9,5
		R'000	17 328	79 393	16 955	229 977	250 726	9,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	19 006	4 678	6 828	232 675	68 432	-70,6
		R'000	121 422	33 284	46 246	1 595 980	467 176	-70,7
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 132	5 966	1 181	111 918	31 019	-72,3
		R'000	6 642	35 946	9 374	852 380	212 239	-75,1
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>145 392</b>	<b>156 349</b>	<b>95 309</b>	<b>2 844 591</b>	<b>1 075 617</b>	<b>-62,2</b>
<b>Additions and alterations</b>	Dwelling-houses	square metres	51 596	11 280	25 615	210 259	165 005	-21,5
		R'000	314 795	77 800	174 935	1 365 531	1 085 721	-20,5
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	24 907	23 485	16 604	118 682	127 566	7,5
		R'000	236 151	194 941	209 435	1 195 671	1 400 654	17,1
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>550 946</b>	<b>272 741</b>	<b>384 370</b>	<b>2 561 202</b>	<b>2 486 375</b>	<b>-2,9</b>
<b>Recorded buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 803 218</b>	<b>902 147</b>	<b>1 494 732</b>	<b>12 138 242</b>	<b>7 022 757</b>	<b>-42,1</b>

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.

3/ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.

4/ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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**Table 21 – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Eastern Cape**

			Jul 2019	Jun 2020 *	Jul 2020 *	Jan – Jul 2019	Jan – Jul 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	28	0	12	186	51	-72,6
		square metres	1 333	0	695	8 978	2 905	-67,6
		R'000	9 223	0	3 972	47 582	17 639	-62,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	71	13	45	391	181	-53,7
		square metres	12 266	2 729	7 108	75 634	37 082	-51,0
		R'000	87 908	19 116	51 613	494 203	260 988	-47,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	44	5	24	171	50	-70,8
		square metres	3 310	333	3 531	17 278	6 152	-64,4
		R'000	22 695	2 304	24 716	111 708	42 429	-62,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	729	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	5 013	0	-100,0
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>119 826</b>	<b>21 420</b>	<b>80 301</b>	<b>658 506</b>	<b>321 056</b>	<b>-51,2</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	930	0	0	8 694	560	-93,6
		R'000	6 435	0	0	57 226	3 360	-94,1
	Shopping space	square metres	247	0	0	6 862	0	-100,0
		R'000	1 709	0	0	45 014	0	-100,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	8 539	0	1 824	38 263	83 953	119,4
		R'000	59 081	0	12 753	247 968	560 188	125,9
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	25 901	1 786	-93,1
		R'000	0	0	0	166 368	9 146	-94,5
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>67 225</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12 753</b>	<b>516 576</b>	<b>572 694</b>	<b>10,9</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	12 749	2 432	8 830	73 700	51 212	-30,5
		R'000	87 937	16 665	70 350	464 334	360 754	-22,3
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	2 992	0	82	27 677	12 822	-53,7
		R'000	22 451	1 926	1 468	193 428	94 730	-51,0
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>110 388</b>	<b>18 591</b>	<b>71 818</b>	<b>657 762</b>	<b>455 484</b>	<b>-30,8</b>
<b>Recorded buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>297 439</b>	<b>40 011</b>	<b>164 872</b>	<b>1 832 844</b>	<b>1 349 234</b>	<b>-26,4</b>

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**Table 22 – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Northern Cape**

			Jul 2019	Jun 2020 *	Jul 2020 *	Jan – Jul 2019	Jan – Jul 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	0	1	39	1	-97,4
		square metres	0	0	41	2 398	41	-98,3
		R'000	0	0	353	19 237	353	-98,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	4	6	11	61	49	-19,7
		square metres	1 128	1 543	2 212	16 908	10 987	-35,0
		R'000	9 250	12 653	19 023	129 029	89 996	-30,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	6	0	1	19	4	-78,9
		square metres	653	0	89	1 912	471	-75,4
		R'000	5 355	0	668	15 127	3 801	-74,9
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	475	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	3 563	0	-100,0
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>14 605</b>	<b>12 653</b>	<b>20 044</b>	<b>166 956</b>	<b>94 150</b>	<b>-43,6</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	372	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	2 790	0	-100,0
	Shopping space	square metres	0	4 775	0	0	4 775	..
		R'000	0	39 155	0	0	39 155	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	3 054	0	0	3 417	1 802	-47,3
		R'000	25 043	0	0	26 671	13 306	-50,1
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	760	0	0	973	504	-48,2
		R'000	6 232	0	0	7 830	4 133	-47,2
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>31 275</b>	<b>39 155</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>37 291</b>	<b>56 594</b>	<b>51,8</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 066	2 297	1 022	15 222	10 522	-30,9
		R'000	16 941	18 835	8 789	117 310	89 149	-24,0
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	0	0	5 985	0	-100,0
		R'000	210	300	137	52 953	742	-98,6
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>17 151</b>	<b>19 135</b>	<b>8 926</b>	<b>170 263</b>	<b>89 891</b>	<b>-47,2</b>
<b>Recorded buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>63 031</b>	<b>70 943</b>	<b>28 970</b>	<b>374 510</b>	<b>240 635</b>	<b>-35,7</b>

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.

3/ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.

4/ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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**Table 23 – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Free State**

			Jul 2019	Jun 2020 *	Jul 2020 *	Jan – Jul 2019	Jan – Jul 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	3	0	8	11	78	609,1
		square metres	173	0	496	654	4 780	630,9
		R'000	1 157	0	4 182	4 379	38 576	780,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	11	0	8	110	84	-23,6
		square metres	2 205	0	1 750	24 000	19 534	-18,6
		R'000	12 609	0	13 157	142 913	146 007	2,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	24	0	0	26	36	38,5
		square metres	970	0	0	1 479	10 313	597,3
		R'000	5 033	0	0	8 403	83 246	890,7
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	127	0	0	728	0	-100,0
		R'000	659	0	0	4 306	0	-100,0
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>19 458</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17 339</b>	<b>160 001</b>	<b>267 829</b>	<b>67,4</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	1 390	6 713	382,9
		R'000	0	0	0	6 903	54 187	685,0
	Shopping space	square metres	234	0	0	234	2 970	1 169,2
		R'000	1 565	0	0	1 565	23 974	1 431,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	5 000	0	1 553	10 943	16 102	47,1
		R'000	40 360	0	13 101	69 873	129 280	85,0
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	478	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	3 692	0	-100,0
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>41 925</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13 101</b>	<b>82 033</b>	<b>207 441</b>	<b>152,9</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 720	0	524	20 171	6 058	-70,0
		R'000	14 949	0	3 719	113 766	38 597	-66,1
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	0	0	2 554	3 440	34,7
		R'000	594	0	2 129	21 410	41 346	93,1
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>15 543</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5 848</b>	<b>135 176</b>	<b>79 943</b>	<b>-40,9</b>
<b>Recorded buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>76 926</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>36 288</b>	<b>377 210</b>	<b>555 213</b>	<b>47,2</b>

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.

3/ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.

4/ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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**Table 24 – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: KwaZulu-Natal**

			Jul 2019	Jun 2020 *	Jul 2020 *	Jan – Jul 2019	Jan – Jul 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	14	2	7	88	49	-44,3
		square metres	858	113	444	5 211	3 101	-40,5
		R'000	6 885	854	3 890	44 553	29 763	-33,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	61	45	31	424	256	-39,6
		square metres	17 629	9 639	9 906	136 890	70 611	-48,4
		R'000	185 288	103 612	107 805	1 479 416	733 218	-50,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	269	51	72	1 386	619	-55,3
		square metres	41 914	11 676	9 336	198 926	86 076	-56,7
		R'000	442 929	124 508	98 717	2 195 606	903 813	-58,8
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	8 872	3 343	0	13 463	..
		R'000	0	97 313	36 773	0	148 937	..
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>635 102</b>	<b>326 287</b>	<b>247 185</b>	<b>3 719 575</b>	<b>1 815 731</b>	<b>-51,2</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	281	83 189	5 859	-93,0
		R'000	0	0	3 091	905 078	45 309	-95,0
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	44 017	2 764	-93,7
		R'000	0	0	0	483 131	21 482	-95,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	15 789	26 381	28 348	118 222	286 944	142,7
		R'000	96 181	160 597	170 088	715 597	1 725 015	141,1
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	254	96	157	24 664	520	-97,9
		R'000	1 778	1 094	1 790	158 325	5 821	-96,3
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>97 959</b>	<b>161 691</b>	<b>174 969</b>	<b>2 262 131</b>	<b>1 797 627</b>	<b>-20,5</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	12 230	2 133	4 684	74 320	38 347	-48,4
		R'000	130 716	25 381	55 063	848 145	412 402	-51,4
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	5 090	1 378	369	64 902	7 656	-88,2
		R'000	59 790	17 183	3 614	769 736	89 082	-88,4
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>190 506</b>	<b>42 564</b>	<b>58 677</b>	<b>1 617 881</b>	<b>501 484</b>	<b>-69,0</b>
<b>Recorded buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>923 567</b>	<b>530 542</b>	<b>480 831</b>	<b>7 599 587</b>	<b>4 114 842</b>	<b>-45,9</b>

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3/ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.

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**Table 25 – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: North West**

			Jul 2019	Jun 2020 *	Jul 2020 *	Jan – Jul 2019	Jan – Jul 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	4	14	2	32	41	28,1
		square metres	237	878	134	2 036	2 589	27,2
		R'000	1 230	4 476	729	11 653	13 938	19,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	68	34	47	577	199	-65,5
		square metres	16 245	8 821	11 490	99 560	39 268	-60,6
		R'000	96 884	58 637	75 017	558 746	249 849	-55,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	21	0	51	357	149	-58,3
		square metres	1 828	0	5 458	28 445	16 197	-43,1
		R'000	12 263	0	38 895	165 607	105 772	-36,1
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	2 709	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	16 467	0	-100,0
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>110 377</b>	<b>63 113</b>	<b>114 641</b>	<b>752 473</b>	<b>369 559</b>	<b>-50,9</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	465	0	4 900	4 154	-15,2
		R'000	0	3 255	0	24 401	23 982	-1,7
	Shopping space	square metres	0	152	0	12 465	2 657	-78,7
		R'000	0	1 052	0	75 660	14 330	-81,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	2 020	12 952	5 151	-60,2
		R'000	0	0	14 605	64 561	30 852	-52,2
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	10 049	1 533	-84,7
		R'000	0	0	0	54 149	8 433	-84,4
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4 307</b>	<b>14 605</b>	<b>218 771</b>	<b>77 597</b>	<b>-64,5</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 812	4 509	1 681	26 905	8 844	-67,1
		R'000	16 261	28 563	9 926	162 143	54 477	-66,4
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 557	342	0	8 629	393	-95,4
		R'000	10 518	2 416	0	52 110	14 529	-72,1
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>26 779</b>	<b>30 979</b>	<b>9 926</b>	<b>214 253</b>	<b>69 006</b>	<b>-67,8</b>
<b>Recorded buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>137 156</b>	<b>98 399</b>	<b>139 172</b>	<b>1 185 497</b>	<b>516 162</b>	<b>-56,5</b>

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2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.

3/ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.

4/ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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**Table 26 – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Gauteng**

			Jul 2019	Jun 2020 *	Jul 2020 *	Jan – Jul 2019	Jan – Jul 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
<b>Residential buildings</b>	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	555	352	398	3 501	2 328	-33,5
		square metres	30 561	17 709	20 272	182 545	118 808	-34,9
		R'000	182 986	101 162	118 297	1 023 091	684 954	-33,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	325	76	169	2 005	847	-57,8
		square metres	90 724	19 322	45 318	590 981	248 561	-57,9
		R'000	782 868	156 072	373 306	4 874 148	2 059 861	-57,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 110	0	442	11 308	1 357	-88,0
		square metres	208 406	0	74 317	1 670 661	209 456	-87,5
		R'000	1 709 357	0	614 875	13 529 001	1 775 322	-86,9
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	25 141	3 254	-87,1
		R'000	0	0	0	213 606	31 694	-85,2
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>2 675 211</b>	<b>257 234</b>	<b>1 106 478</b>	<b>19 639 846</b>	<b>4 551 831</b>	<b>-76,8</b>
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	Office and banking space	square metres	84 189	0	6 104	247 727	232 646	-6,1
		R'000	909 541	0	61 375	2 603 601	2 311 442	-11,2
	Shopping space	square metres	10 764	339	1 014	247 612	43 346	-82,5
		R'000	112 732	2 031	10 132	2 417 736	428 364	-82,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	71 862	0	6 536	284 743	59 654	-79,0
		R'000	398 488	0	35 314	1 602 545	334 356	-79,1
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	12 875	0	0	102 479	19 879	-80,6
		R'000	84 362	0	0	739 118	157 782	-78,7
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 505 123</b>	<b>2 031</b>	<b>106 821</b>	<b>7 363 000</b>	<b>3 231 944</b>	<b>-56,1</b>
<b>Additions and alterations</b>	Dwelling-houses	square metres	21 162	6 916	10 840	137 745	64 015	-53,5
		R'000	175 756	54 524	92 241	1 100 790	531 442	-51,7
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	9 585	1 599	3 691	51 594	31 933	-38,1
		R'000	64 756	8 618	36 428	388 651	316 765	-18,5
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>240 512</b>	<b>63 142</b>	<b>128 669</b>	<b>1 489 441</b>	<b>848 207</b>	<b>-43,1</b>
<b>Recorded buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>4 420 846</b>	<b>322 407</b>	<b>1 341 968</b>	<b>28 492 287</b>	<b>8 631 982</b>	<b>-69,7</b>

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3/ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.

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**Table 27 – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Mpumalanga**

			Jul 2019	Jun 2020 *	Jul 2020 *	Jan – Jul 2019	Jan – Jul 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	43	21	37	276	125	-54,7
		square metres	2 314	1 078	1 917	16 351	6 539	-60,0
		R'000	11 588	5 944	9 437	82 958	34 107	-58,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	32	22	29	359	133	-63,0
		square metres	8 029	7 076	8 054	106 188	31 834	-70,0
		R'000	59 677	51 487	59 484	641 641	215 842	-66,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	151	26	-82,8
		square metres	0	0	0	21 569	3 306	-84,7
		R'000	0	0	0	113 556	17 521	-84,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>71 265</b>	<b>57 431</b>	<b>68 921</b>	<b>838 155</b>	<b>267 470</b>	<b>-68,1</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	485	0	0	1 684	863	-48,8
		R'000	3 803	0	0	10 860	4 573	-57,9
	Shopping space	square metres	0	16 365	0	23 391	19 715	-15,7
		R'000	0	128 318	0	157 309	154 585	-1,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	2 679	5 925	16 809	183,7
		R'000	0	0	17 148	31 221	120 082	284,6
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	323	0	1 043	3 536	9 586	171,1
		R'000	1 676	0	5 759	17 632	72 745	312,6
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>5 479</b>	<b>128 318</b>	<b>22 907</b>	<b>217 022</b>	<b>351 985</b>	<b>62,2</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	6 764	1 040	1 391	31 500	14 567	-53,8
		R'000	40 750	5 413	8 954	188 647	80 369	-57,4
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	252	0	198	4 929	1 459	-70,4
		R'000	5 307	0	2 272	250 034	30 644	-87,7
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>46 057</b>	<b>5 413</b>	<b>11 226</b>	<b>438 681</b>	<b>111 013</b>	<b>-74,7</b>
<b>Recorded buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>122 801</b>	<b>191 162</b>	<b>103 054</b>	<b>1 493 858</b>	<b>730 468</b>	<b>-51,1</b>

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**Table 28 – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Limpopo**

			Jul 2019	Jun 2020 *	Jul 2020 *	Jan – Jul 2019	Jan – Jul 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	2	1	15	51	29	-43,1
		square metres	92	65	836	3 097	1 695	-45,3
		R'000	530	375	5 037	17 009	9 990	-41,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	23	15	32	210	112	-46,7
		square metres	6 372	4 006	12 753	53 183	33 176	-37,6
		R'000	36 352	23 231	76 878	291 727	196 639	-32,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	15	0	24	103	28	-72,8
		square metres	1 014	0	1 675	10 217	1 938	-81,0
		R'000	5 893	0	10 092	56 185	11 608	-79,3
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	518	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	3 051	0	-100,0
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>42 775</b>	<b>23 606</b>	<b>92 007</b>	<b>367 972</b>	<b>218 237</b>	<b>-40,7</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	1 932	241	-87,5
		R'000	0	0	0	10 659	1 389	-87,0
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	5 305	964	-81,8
		R'000	0	0	0	29 939	5 558	-81,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 737	0	1 479	5 192	7 787	50,0
		R'000	10 016	0	9 811	26 897	47 151	75,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	4 935	0	1 850	7 911	327,6
		R'000	0	28 455	0	9 053	45 615	403,9
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>10 016</b>	<b>28 455</b>	<b>9 811</b>	<b>76 548</b>	<b>99 713</b>	<b>30,3</b>
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	633	435	1 060	3 158	4 127	30,7
		R'000	3 497	2 558	6 524	17 062	25 577	49,9
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	182	612	0	1 526	1 341	-12,1
		R'000	1 091	3 670	1 500	17 747	14 144	-20,3
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>4 588</b>	<b>6 228</b>	<b>8 024</b>	<b>34 809</b>	<b>39 721</b>	<b>14,1</b>
<b>Recorded buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>57 379</b>	<b>58 289</b>	<b>109 842</b>	<b>479 329</b>	<b>357 671</b>	<b>-25,4</b>

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## Explanatory notes

<b>Introduction</b>	1	Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) conducts a monthly building statistics survey collecting information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed, financed by the private sector, from the largest local government institutions in South Africa. According to these institutions, they are not always notified about low-cost housing projects and, therefore, do not include the bulk of low-cost dwelling-houses in their reporting. Data regarding subsidised low-cost dwelling-houses can be obtained from the Department of Human Settlements.
	2	In order to improve timeliness of the publication, some information for the current month has been estimated due to late submission by respondents. These estimates will be revised in the next statistical release(s) as soon as actual information is available.
<b>Purpose of the survey</b>	3	The monthly survey data are used in monitoring the state of economy and formulation of economic policy. Furthermore, the results are important inputs to estimate the gross domestic product (GDP) and to calculate the Composite Leading Business Cycle Indicator. The data are extensively used by the private sector.
<b>Scope of the survey</b>	4	This survey covers local government institutions conducting activities for the private sector regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• passing of building plans; and</li> <li>• final inspection of completed buildings.</li> </ul>
<b>Classification</b>	5	Building activities are classified in division 5 according to the 1993 edition of the <i>Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities</i> , (SIC) Fifth Edition, Report No. 09-90-02. The SIC is based on the 1990 <i>International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities</i> (ISIC) with suitable adaptations for local conditions.
<b>Collection rate</b>	6	The preliminary collection rate for the survey on building statistics for July 2020 was 80,9%. The improved collection rate for June 2020 was 80,0%.
<b>Statistical unit</b>	7	The statistical unit for the collection of information is a local government institution. Local government institutions include district municipalities, metropolitan municipalities and local municipalities.
<b>Survey methodology and design</b>	8	Stats SA conducts a monthly survey of metropolitan municipalities and large local municipalities on building plans passed and buildings completed. An annual survey of the remaining municipalities is conducted regarding buildings completed. The monthly survey represents approximately 85 percent of the total value of buildings completed. Information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed for the private sector is collected by mail, fax and telephone.
<b>Constant prices</b>	9	The value of building plans passed and buildings completed at constant prices measures building activities in terms of ruling prices in a specific base year, which is currently 2015. The value of building plans passed at constant prices for each month is obtained by deflating the values at current prices with a price index known as the 'lump sum domestic buildings' as published in statistical release P0151: <i>Contract Price Adjustment Provisions (CPAP) Work Groups and Selected Materials Indices</i> . In order to be applicable, these indices (base December 2016=100) are converted to the base year 2015=100.

<b>Seasonal adjustment</b>	<b>10</b>	Seasonally adjusted estimates of building plans passed and buildings completed are generated each month, using the X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Program developed by US Bureau of the Census Economic Research and Analyses Division, 1968.
	<b>11</b>	<p>Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences on the series can be more clearly recognised. Seasonal adjustment does not aim to remove irregular or non-seasonal influences which may be present in any particular month. Influences that are volatile or unsystematic can still make it difficult to interpret the movement of the series even after adjustment for seasonal variations. Therefore, the month-to-month movements of seasonally adjusted estimates may not be reliable indicators of trend behaviour. The X-12-ARIMA procedure for building statistics is described in more detail on the Stats SA website at <a href="#">Click to download building statistics seasonal adjustment May 2017</a></p> <p><b>Note:</b> Owing to the impact of the COVID-19 lockdown, additive outlier adjustments were performed; the methodology will be reviewed as more data points are added to the time series.</p>
<b>Trend cycle</b>	<b>12</b>	The trend is a long-term pattern or movement of a time series. The X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Program is used for smoothing seasonally adjusted data.
<b>Revised figures</b>	<b>13</b>	Revised figures are due to late submission of data to Stats SA, or to respondents reporting revisions or corrections to their figures. Figures for the latest two years are therefore preliminary. Data are edited at municipal level.
	<b>14</b>	Once a year the annual statistical release P5041.3: <i>Selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions</i> is published with the revised and updated information at provincial and municipal level for the previous calendar year. Due to this comprehensive revision, the monthly statistical release P5041.1 reflects provincial revision where applicable.
<b>Related publications</b>	<b>15</b>	<p>Users may also wish to refer to the following publications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• P5041.3: <i>Selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions</i> issued annually;</li> <li>• P9101.2: <i>Actual and expected expenditure on construction by the public sector per statistical region</i> issued annually; and</li> <li>• <i>Building Statistics</i> (Report No. 50-11-01) issued annually.</li> </ul>
<b>Rounding-off of figures</b>	<b>16</b>	Where necessary, the figures in the tables have been rounded off to the nearest digit shown.
<b>Symbols and abbreviations</b>	<b>17</b>	.. Changes from a zero in the preceding period cannot be calculated as a percentage.
	0	Nil or figure too small to publish.
	*	Revised.
	Stats SA	Statistics South Africa.
	SIC	Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities.
	ISIC	International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities.

## Glossary

<b>Additions and alterations</b>	Extensions to existing buildings as well as internal and external alterations of existing buildings.
<b>Blocks of flats</b>	High-density housing consisting of a number of self-contained dwelling-units, each with at least one living-room together with a kitchen and bathroom, conjoined to similar units in one building.
<b>Dwelling-house</b>	A free-standing, complete structure on a separate stand or a self-contained dwelling-unit, e.g. granny flat, on the same premises as an existing residence. Out-buildings and garages are included.
<b>Local government institutions</b>	<p>Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• District municipalities;</li> <li>• Metropolitan municipalities; and</li> <li>• Local municipalities.</li> </ul>
<b>Municipality</b>	A generic term describing the “unit” of government in the local spheres responsible for local government in a geographically demarcated area and including district, metropolitan and local municipalities. It is an institution consisting of a municipal council (elected political representatives) and municipal administration (appointed officials).
<b>District municipality</b>	A municipality that has municipal executive and legislative authority in an area that includes more than one municipality, and which is described in section 155(1) of the Constitution as a category C municipality (refer to Local Government: Municipal Structure Act, 1998 (Act No. 117 of 1998)).
<b>Metropolitan municipality</b>	A municipality that has municipal executive and legislative authority in an area that includes more than one municipality, and which is described in section 155(1) of the Constitution as a category A municipality (refer to Local Government: Municipal Structure Act, 1998 (Act No. 117 of 1998)).
<b>Local municipality</b>	A municipality that shares municipal executive and legislative authority in its area with a district municipality within whose area it falls, which is described in section 155(1) of the constitution as a category B municipality.
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	Factories and commercial, financial and other office buildings, as well as other buildings not used for residential purposes, such as churches, halls, clubs, schools and hospitals.
<b>Other residential buildings</b>	Institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, old people’s homes, hostels, hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation, entertainment centres and casinos.
<b>Percentage change</b>	<p>When using monthly actual values, the percentage change is the change in actual values of building activities (building plans passed or buildings completed) of the relevant month compared with the actual values of building activities (building plans passed or buildings completed) of the same month in the previous year expressed as a percentage.</p> <p>When using annual actual values, the percentage change is the change in the actual values of building activities (building plans passed or buildings completed) of the relevant year compared with the actual values of building activities (building plans passed or buildings completed) of the previous year expressed as a percentage.</p> <p>When using seasonally adjusted values, the percentage change is the change in the seasonally adjusted values of building activities (building plans passed or buildings completed) of the relevant month compared with the seasonally adjusted values of building activities (building plans passed or buildings completed) of the previous month expressed as a percentage.</p>



**Reference period** One calendar month.

**Residential buildings** Buildings that are used primarily as residences. Includes dwelling-houses, flats, townhouses and other residential buildings.

**Townhouses** Multiple, medium-density dwelling-units including cluster housing, group housing, simplexes, duplexes, triplexes and other similar dwelling-units which are usually grouped together, with one level of each unit on ground level. This category excludes blocks of flats.

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